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Town Report

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EXAMPLES OF UNCLEAR WRITING

Sentences taken from actual letters received by the Welfare Department in applications for support.

1. I am forwarding my marriage certificate and six children. I had seven, but one died which was baptized on a half sheet of paper.
2. I am writing the Welfare Department to say that my baby was born two years ago, when do I get my money?
3. Mrs. Jones has not had any clothes for a year and has been visited regularly by the clergy.
4. I cannot get sick pay. I have six children. Can you tell me why?
5. I am glad to report that my husband who is missing is dead.
6. This is my 8th child. What are you going to do about it?
7. Please find for certain if my husband is dead. The man I am now living with can't eat or do anything until he knows.
8. I am very annoyed that you have branded my son illiterate. This is a dirty lie, as I was married a week before he was born.
9. In answer to your letter, I have given birth to a son weighing ten pounds. I hope this is satisfactory.
10. I am forwarding my marriage certificate and my three children, one of which is a mistake as you can see.
11. My husband got his project cut off two weeks ago, and I haven't had any relief since.
12. Unless I get my husband's money pretty soon, I will be forced to lead an immortal life.
13. You have changed my little boy to a girl. Will this make any difference?
14. I have no children as yet, as my husband is a truck driver and works day and night.
15. In accordance with your instructions, I have given birth to twins in the enclosed envelope.
16. I want money as quick as I can get it. I have been ill in bed with the doctor for two weeks, but he doesn't seem to do me any good. If things don't improve, I will have to send for another doctor.

TOWN OF BENTON, NH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF TOWN OFFICERS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1992

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TOWN OFFICERS, PHONE NUMBERS AND OFFICE HOURS

Selectmen: Marjorie Robitzer 787-6053
John Elliott 787-6781
John Roden 787-6548

Available the first Monday of each month at the Community Building
from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Office Number: 787-6541

Town Clerk: Lyn Bandy 787-2468
Available Monday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 Pm at the Community
Building. Office Number: 787-6541

Tax Collector: Beverly Sousa 787-6790
Available by appointment only.

Treasurer: Priscilla Boutin 787-6784
Available by appointment only.

Supervisors of The CheckList:
Catherine Elliott 787-6781
Sera Harris 787-6368
Iona Boutin 787-6267
Available at designated times which are advertised in a local paper.

Moderator: Mark Elliott 787-6013

Surveyor of Wood & Lumber:
Joseph Boutin, Jr. 787-6083
Available by appointment only.

Road Agent: Daniel Elliott 787-6189

Planning Board: Catherine Steel 787-6861
Kenneth Kealey 787-6084
Joseph Boutin, Jr. 787-6083

Available the first Monday of each month at the Benton Community
Building. Phone Number: 787-6541

Dog Officer: Linda Smith, Haverhill
If need arises for a dog officer, please call a Selectman first.

Sexton: Position Unfilled
If the need arises to speak for a sexton, please call a Selectman.

LOVE GROWS EVERYDAY

My dearest Sweet Potato,

You are the apple of my eye. With your radish hair
and your turnip nose, my heart beets for you.

My love for you is as strong as onions. Do you
carrot all for me? If we cantaloupe, lettuce marry and
we will be a happy pear.

Love,

String Bean

BENTON TOWN OFFICERS

Board of Selectmen:

Term Expires:

John Elliott	1993
Marjorie Robitzer	1994
John A. Roden	1995

Moderator:	Mark Elliott	1994
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Town Clerk:	Lyn Bandy	1993
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Tax Collector:	Beverly Sousa	1993
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Treasurer:	Priscilla Boutin	1993
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Auditor:	Dorothy Elliott	1993
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Supervisors of the Checklist:

Iona Boutin	1993
Sera Harris	1994
Catherine Elliott	1995

Surveyor of Wood & Lumber:

Joseph Boutin, Jr.	1993
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Ballot Clerk:	Michelle Elliott	1993
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Ballot Inspector:	Kate Goodwin	1993
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STRESS!

THE CONFUSION CREATED
WHEN THE MIND MUST OVERRIDE
THE BODY'S BASIC DESIRE

TO CHOKE
THE LIVING CRAP
OUT OF SOME IDIOT
WHO DESPERATELY
DESERVES IT!

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

State of New Hampshire

Grafton, SS

Town of Benton

To the inhabitants of the Town of Benton qualified to vote in town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Benton Community Building in said Benton on the Second Tuesday of March next, (the 9th) at seven o'clock in the evening to vote and to act upon the following subjects:

Art.1: To choose a Town Clerk, one Selectmen for a term of 3 years, a Treasurer, a Tax Collector, an Auditor, and Sexton for a term of one year and a Supervisor of the Checklist for a term of 3 years and any other necessary town officer or agents for the ensuing year.

Art.2: To see if the town will vote to accept the reports of officers and agents as printed in the town report.

Art.3: To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to borrow money for current indebtedness in anticipation of taxes collected for the year 1993 and to be re-paid therefrom.

Art.4: To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to administer or sell any real estate acquired through Tax Collectors deeds.

Art.5: To see if the town will vot to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve fund for the Tunnel Brook Bridge that was previously established and to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend the fund when the final bills are presented: any balance to be transfered to the General Fund of

the municipality.

Art.6: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund for Roads and in what amount.

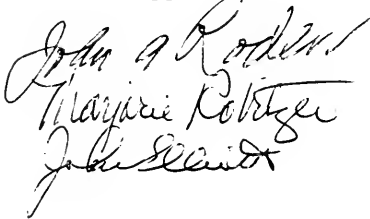
Art.7: To see if the town will vote to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend the necessary funds from the Capital Reserve Fund for road re-building to be used for a rebuilding project, the limits to be set forth at this meeting.

Art.8: To see if the town will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money to be raised and appropriated for the ensuing year as recommended in the budget, to raise and appropriate all sums so determined for said purposes, and to pass any other vote relateing thereto.

Art.9: To see if the town will vote to oppose or approve any proposal to relocate the New Hampshire Home for The Elderly and to use Glencliff building compount for the Laconia Lake Regions Correction Facility.

(Ballot Vote)

A True Copy - Attest

Three handwritten signatures are stacked vertically. The top signature is 'John A. Roden', the middle is 'Marjorie Robitzer', and the bottom is 'John G. Elliott'.

Selectmen of Benton

Marjorie Robitzer
John G. Elliott
John A. Roden

BUDGET SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
Estimate of Expenditures

	Approp. 1992	Exps. 1992	Est. 1993
Selectmen & Expenses	\$ 1,420	\$ 1,285	\$ 1,400
Election & Registration	2,000	1,536	500
Financial Administration	3,030	2,963	3,000
Legal Expenses	500		500
Planning & Zoning	200		200
Gen'l. Government Bldg.	1,600	1,595	1,600
Cemeteries	350	648	350
Insurance & Bonds	2,500	2,805	1,800
Regional Organizations	770	800	800
Ambulance Service	1,567	1,164	1,768
Fire Protection	4,000	2,500	2,500
Capital Reserve Fund	3,500	3,500	
Roads	25,000		
Winter	\$ 19,140		
Summer	14,707		
Material & Supplies	3,255	37,102	30,000
Solid Waste Planning		8	
Donations to Hospitals & Clinics	600	600	600
Welfare-Direct & Donations	850	350	850
Interest on T.A.N.'s	3,000	2,383	2,500
To paint Town Hall	<u>300</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>200</u>
Total	\$51,187	\$59,305	\$48,568
School Appropriation		192,817	
County Tax		<u>17,442</u>	
Total		\$ 269,564	

BUDGET AND SUMMARY ANALYSIS
Estimate of Revenue

Sources of Revenue	Est. 92	Rec'd 92	Est. 93
<u>From Local Taxes:</u>			
Yield taxes	\$ 8,000	\$ 1,905	\$ 6,000
Interest & Penalties on all taxes	2,500	1,975	2,000
<u>Intergovernmental Revenue - State:</u>			
Shared Revenue - Block Grant	4,500	5,432	5,000
Highway Block Grant	8,205	8,205	9,442
Land Entitlement - Payment in Lieu of taxes		1,092	1,090
<u>Intergovernmental Revenue-</u>			
<u>Federal:</u>			
Nat'l. Forest Reserve	8,300	8,459	8,500
Land Entitlement- in lieu of taxes	2,356	2,356	2,356
<u>Licenses & Permits:</u>			
Motor Vehicles	13,000	12,850	12,500
All other licenses, permits & Fees	500	1,022	700
Insurance Refund		20	
Welfare Repayment		103	
Income from Trust Funds	490	383	400
Interest on deposits	<u>1,110</u>	<u>619</u>	<u>650</u>
Total Revenue from all sources except property taxes	\$48,961	\$44,421	\$48,638

TOWN OF BENTON, NH
Comparative Statement of Appropriations & Expenditures
for the year ending Dec. 31, 1993

	Appropriations	Reimbursements	Total Avail.	Expenditures	Unexpended Bal.	Overdraft
Selectmen's & Expenses	\$ 1,420	\$	\$ 1,420	\$ 1,285	\$ 135	\$ 464
Elections & Registrations	2,000		2,000	1,536	464	
Financial Administration	3,030	263	3,293	2,968	325	
Legal Expenses	500		500		500	
Planning & Zoning	200		200		200	
General Gov't. Building	1,600	50	1,650	1,595	55	
To Paint Town Hall	300		300	61	239	
Cemeteries	350	257	607	648		41
Insurance & Bonds	2,500	20	2,520	2,805		285
Regional Organizations	770		770	800		30
Ambulance Service	1,567		1,567	1,164	403	
Fire Protection	4,000		4,000	2,500	1,500	
Roads & Bridges	25,000	126	25,126	37,102		11,976
Solid Waste Planning				8		8
Donations to Hosp. & Clinics	600		600	600		
Welfare -						
Direct & Donations	850	103	953	350	603	
Interest	3,000		3,000	2,383	617	
New CRF -Fires	3,500		3,500	3,500		
TOTALS:	\$51,187	\$ 819	\$52,006	\$59,305	\$ 5,041	\$12,340
					- 5,041	
					NET OVERDRAFT	\$ 7,299
Capital Reserve Fund - 1988 - Roads	\$28,000 Plus Interest					
Capital Reserve Fund - 1989 - Bridge	\$12,000 Plus \$1,148 Int. less \$9,058 used for bridge					
Capital Reserve Fund - 1992 - Fire Fund	\$3,500					
	\$4,090 remaining.					

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF BENTON YEAR ENDING 1992

	<u>***Levies of***</u>		
	1992	1991	Prior
Uncollected Taxes			
Beg. of year:	\$ _____	\$ 24,429.67	\$ _____
Yield Taxes:	\$ _____	\$ 666.45	\$ _____
Revenues Committed			
-This year	\$ 174,234.60	\$ _____	\$ _____
Yield Taxes	\$ <u>1,238.66</u>		
Overpayment			
Property Taxes	\$ 9.00	\$ _____	\$ _____
Interest Collected			
On Delinquent Txs.	\$ 2.80	\$ 1,535.27	\$ _____
Total Debits:	\$ 175,485.06	\$ 26,631.39	\$ _____
Remitted to			
Treasurer During Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes:	\$ 129,604.05	\$ 24,419.67	\$ _____
Yield Taxes	\$ 1,238.66	\$ 666.45	\$ _____
Interest	\$ 2.80	\$ 1,535.27	\$ _____
Abatements Made:			
Property Taxes	\$ _____	\$ 10.00	\$ _____
Uncollected Rev.			
-End of year:			
Property Taxes	\$ 44,639.55	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total Credits:	\$ 175,485.06	\$ 26,631.39	\$ _____
	<u>1991</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1989</u>
Unredeemed Taxes			
Balance at Beg.			
of Fiscal Year	\$ _____	\$ 6,291.04	\$ 662.65
Liens Sold or			
Executed During			
Fiscal Year	\$ 11,274.64	\$ _____	\$ _____
Interest Collected			
After Sale/Lien			
Execution	\$ 14.30	\$ 301.93	\$ 75.46
Collected			
Redemption Costs	\$ _____	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00

Total Debits:	<u>\$ 11,288.94</u>	<u>\$ 6,607.99</u>	<u>\$ 753.00</u>
Remittance to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	<u>\$ 1,801.89</u>	<u>\$ 2,926.31</u>	<u>\$ 662.65</u>
Interest/Costs (After sale or lien execution)	<u>\$ 14.30</u>	<u>\$ 316.95</u>	<u>\$ 90.46</u>
Unredeemed Taxes on Sales/liens executed after Initial Exec.	<u>\$ 9,472.75</u>	<u>\$ 3,364.73</u>	<u>\$</u>
Total Credits:	<u>\$11,288.94</u>	<u>\$ 6,607.99</u>	<u>\$ 753.11</u>

Respectfully Submitted,

Beverly Sousa
Benton Tax Collector



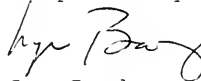
**PAYBACKS
ARE
HELL!**

TOWN OF BENTON
REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK FOR THE YEAR ENDING:
DECEMBER 31, 1992

Motor Vehicle permits issued:	302	\$12,850.00
Dog licenses issued:	62	317.00
Fines & Penalties		122.00
Records searches, certified copies, marriage licenses		<u>308.00</u>
		\$13,597.00
Remittance to Treasurer:		
Motor Vehicle Permits		12,512.00
Record Search & Copies		180.00
Dog licenses & Penalties		408.50
Fees retained by Town Clerk:		
Motor Vehicles		339.00
Dog Licenses		30.50
Record Search & Copies		<u>128.00</u>
		\$13,597.00

Of the 62 dogs registered in Benton, 30 are neutered. We have 38 females and 24 males registered and 9 families paid penalties for late registration. Notices will go out to all dog owners so that you can avoid a penalty in 1993.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lyn Bandy

Benton Town Clerk

TREASURERS REPORT - 1992

Received from TaxCollector:

Tax Sale Redeemed - 1989	\$ 662.65	
Interest and Costs	\$ <u>90.46</u>	(\$ 753.11)
Tax Sale Redeemed - 1990	2,926.31	
Interest & Costs	<u>316.95</u>	(\$ 3,243.26)
Property Taxes - 1991	\$24,419.67	
Interest	1,027.32	
Costs	388.00	
Tax Sale Redeemed - 1991	1,801.89	
Tax Sale Costs	<u>14.30</u>	(\$27,651.18)
Yield Tax - 1991	\$ 666.45	
Interest	<u>119.95</u>	(\$786.40)
Property Tax - 1992	\$129,604.05	
Interest	<u>2.80</u>	(\$129,606.85)
Yield Tax - 1992		1,238.66

Recieved From Town Clerk:

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$12,850.00	
Dog License Permits	286.00	
Penalties	122.00	
Vital Statistics Search	<u>180.00,</u>	(\$13,438.50)

Received from Trustees of Trust Funds:

For Highways	\$ 125.52	
For Cemeteries	<u>257.18</u>	(\$ 382.70)

Received from Selectmen:

Building & Driveway Permits	\$	140.00	
Pistol Permits		55.00	
Welfare Account Refund		102.52	
Town Hall Rent		50.00	
Insurance Refund		20.00	
Current Use Filing & Costs		41.20	
Copies of Zoning Regs. & Postage		27.23	
To Close General Account at Fleet			
Bank & Open Account at Woodsville			
Guaranty Savings		<u>100.00</u>	
			(\$ 535.95)

Received from State & Federal Sources:

St. of NH - Revenue Sharing	\$	5,431.65	
St. Highway Bloc Grant		8,204.83	
Nat'l. Forest Reserve		16,918.38	
St. Forest Land Reimbursement		1,091.99	
Federal Land Entitlement Program		2,356.00	
Forest Service - $\frac{1}{2}$ their share of			
Tunnel Br. Bridge		<u>13,587.42</u>	
			(\$47,590.27)

Received from Woodsville Guaranty

T.A.N.	\$	65,000.00	
From Woodsville Guaranty - short			
Term Note for Tunnel Brk Bridge		10,000.00	
Transfer from C.R.F.		13,148.29	
Transfer of Accumulated Interest from			
Yield acct. - 1989, 1990, 1991, & 1992		<u>935.63</u>	
			(\$89,083.92)

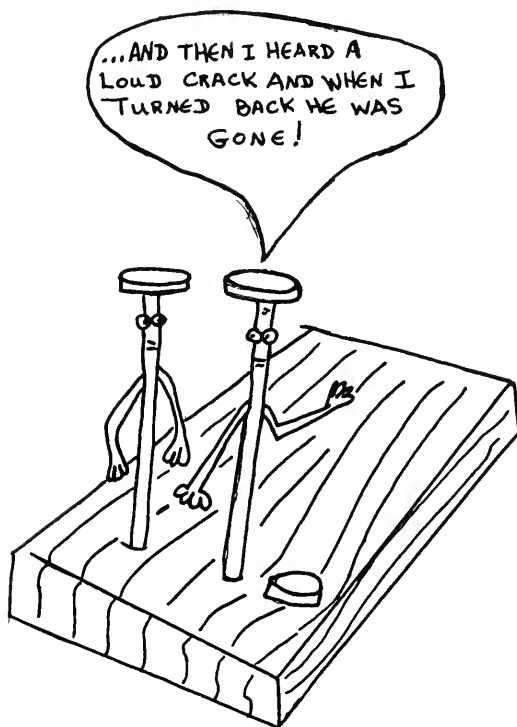
Total Receipts:

1/1/92 General Acct. Balance	21,582.65	
Interest - 1992	<u>429.27</u>	
	\$336,332.72	
Less Selectmen's Order	<u>\$335,726.53</u>	
	596.19	
Plus Uncancelled Check	<u>32.60</u>	
	\$ 628.79	

Less order for blank checks	\$ 166.80
	\$ 461.99
Bank Service Charge	5.10
	\$ 456.89
USF Fee	5.00
Balance - 12/31/92	\$ 461.89

Yield Account. - #30502

Balance 1/1/92	\$ 4,163.94
Deposits	2,358.63
Interest	189.64
	\$ 6,712.21
Withdrawals	935.63
Balance 12/31/92	\$ 5,776.58



SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Selectmen of Benton closed out 1992 and barely squeaked through with money on hand.

Our roads costs, with the great emphasis on getting all ditches and culvert cleaned out this summer, have greatly over-run our budget. We had the usual storms that left roads to be repaired on both ends of town and many loads of gravel to be replaced at the washouts. Many roadsides were badly in need of brush-hog work and that was accomplished by renting a machine so that we could do the work and return the machine in a hurry. Because of the many days on which icy conditions made sanding necessary, we had to get extra sand and salt in February to get through the winter.

Our insurance carrier received a notice of a minimum liability rate for Benton which would have doubled out total insurance cost. John Elliott followed this through and we now have another agent handling the Town Property and Liability Insurance with better coverage and at about the same cost as we had originally.

The Tunnel Brook Bridge which was finished promptly and well on schedule was, in the preliminary estimate, to cost \$180,000 with Benton's share at \$30,000, of which the National Forest Service paying up to 60% with a maximum of \$20,000. A second set of figures, tendered April 1989, raised Benton's share to \$36,667. With the Nat'l. Forest, the Town's share then was \$16,667. The next set of figures on April 6, 1992 raised Benton's share to \$45,291. We then met again with the Forest Service and the state representatives and stated that without more help the project would have to be cancelled. The Forest Service then raised their share to \$27,174.84 - 60% of the

final figures leaving Denton with \$18,116.56 due. Since our bridge fund was \$12,000, plus interest, we have come up short by about \$4,800. Therefore, we need about one more year of money into the bridge CRF. Any surplus in this account can be transferred by vote at Town Meeting into our regular Capital Reserve Fund for road rebuilding. We have paid one half of the amount due but have not yet received the final figures.

With good volunteer work, we got the painting of the Town Hall well underway. The white trim was scraped, primed and painted and some of the brown was scraped. We did not push this since it was getting well into fall and the warm days were few and far between. We hope to finish this during the coming summer and will need lots of brown paint and some more thinner. Our crew consisted of: John, Barbara and Brad Roden, Sam Boutin, Bob and Carol Miles, John Elliott, Ed Matz, Al Colwell and Marjorie Robitzer.

Bill Harris put in a spotlight for illumination so that we could properly display the flat at our community building. The fixture was donated by Mike Stiebitz. Bill also moved our voting booths so that we would be in accord with state regulations.

The grass cutting crew for the cemeteries and the town hall consisted of Bill Harris, John Roden, Sam Boutin, Paul Boutin, John Elliott, Danny Ellitt, Jessie Ellitt, Buck Elliott and Bruce Elliott.

Our Johnny-on-the-spot was named Elliott when we had freeze-ups last spring and when we had oil burner problems. He also had found and reopened the old drain from the cellar of the Hall out to the field.

Our other Johnny-on-the-spot, by the name of Roden, was out back of the hall communing with a black bear one afternoon last summer while tidying up the Town Hall yard. He showed that bear that he

still had alot of spced left.

In line with the request of several voters at last years Town Meeting, we did get a District Engineer with the Dept. of Transportation to come up to Benton last May for a conference. The Selectment and Mr. Alan G. Hanscom covered every road in Benton and discussed every problem in each area in detail. He spent almost a day here and his follow-up letter and suggestions are included in this report. We hope you will read and consider this information in relation to our budget to be voted upon at Town Meeting.

We thank all the volunteers for their many hours of work to accomplish projects that otherwise might not get done but that make Benton a nicer town to live in for all of us.

Respectfully Submitted,

John A. Roden
Margaret L. Roberts
J. Sullivan

Selectmen of Benton



DETAILED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS
By Selectmen

Selectmen:

Salaries:	Marjorie Robitzer	\$ 500.00
	John Elliott	300.00
	John Roden	300.00
Expenses:	Milage, Notices, Etc.	<u>184.73</u>
		\$1,284.73

Elections and Registrations:

Catherine Elliott	\$ 246.40
Seraphene Harris	246.40
Jane Elliott Hatch	46.20
Peter Thompson	30.80
John Elliott	123.20
Marjorie Robitzer	123.20
Daniel Elliott	61.60
Mark Elliott	61.60
Michelle Elliott	61.60
Kate Goodwin	61.60
Iona Boutin	154.60
Helena Harris	30.80
Lyn Bandy	61.60
John Roden	61.60
Election and Registration Notices	<u>165.00</u>
	\$1,535.60

General Office:

Budget Meeting Notice	\$ 33.00
M. Robitzer, Telephone & Postage	112.96
White Mtn. Publishing, Town Reports	600.00
Office of Recorder of Deeds	78.40
Tax Collector, Supplies	31.98
Town Clerk, Registration Supplies	95.91
Dog Lics. Supplies	<u>107.83</u>
	\$1,060.08

Town Building - Community Bldg:

Electric	\$ 229.20
New England Telephone	309.03
Fuel Oil	785.60
Oil Burner Cleaning	27.95
Repairs	<u>243.45</u>
	\$1,595.23

Fire Protection:

Twin State Mutual Aid	\$1,000.00
N. Haverhill Fire Co.	750.00
Haverhill Corner Fire Dept.	<u>750.00</u>
	\$2,500.00

Regional Organizations:	
N.H. Municipal Assn.	\$ 500.00
North Country Council	244.63
Town Clerks Assn.	20.00
N.H. Tax Collectors Assn.	15.00
N.H. Assessor's Assn.	20.00
	<u>\$ 799.63</u>
Insurance & Bonds :	
Franconia Ins. Co.	\$1,936.00
Poulos Insurance Co.	869.00
	<u>\$2,805.00</u>
Solid Waste	\$ 7.46
Hospitals & Clinics	600.00
Ambulance Service	1,163.50
Public Welfare - Donations	
Community Action Program	175.00
Senior Citizens Organization	175.00
	<u>\$ 350.00</u>
Cemeteries	648.00
Taxes Bought by the Town	11,274.64
Interest	2,382.86
Ta x Anticipation Notes	65,000.00
Temporary Note	10,000.00
Capital REserve Funds DEposited	7,590.01
County Tax	17,442.00
State of NH = Records Search	207.00
Schools	145,724.70
Check to W.G.S.B. to open account (not an expense)	100.00
Remainder of Town Officers:	
Dorothy Elliott, Auditor	\$ 50.00
Beverly Sousa, TAx Collector	300.00
Priscilla Boutin, Treasurer	300.00
Joseph Boutin, Jr., Surveyor of Wood & Lumber	100.00
Lyn Bandy, Town Clerk	300.00
	<u>\$1,050.00</u>
Roads & Bridges:	
Summer Roads	\$14,707.00
Winter Roads	19,140.00
Material & Supplies	3,255.07
	<u>\$37,102.07</u>
Tunnel Brook Bridge	\$22,645.70

Town Officer's Expenses:

Fees to Town Clerk:

Helena Harris	\$41.00	
Lyn Bandy	131.50	\$ 172.50
Tax Collectors Expenses		425.35
Surveyors Expenses		25.00
Town Clerk Expenses		51.77
Notice		33.00
Dog Officer Expenses		150.70
		<u>\$ 858.32</u>

Total Payments:

\$335,726.53

- 100.00

\$335,626.33

RIDDLES

There is a thing in Missouri, in Alabama it always appears;
it happens twice in every moment, but not once in 7 years.
It's always in timber, but never in a tree; it never goes
to you, but always comes to me. Answer?

Walking to her mailbox on a wintry morning, Chris found a
Christmas card from her good friends the Smarts. Opening
the envelope, she read the following message:

ABCDEFGHIJKLMN
OPQRSTUVWXYZ

"Those smarts are so clever!" Chris thought to herself.
What was the cards message?

A rancher from New Mexico rode his horse to visit a friend
in Texas. He planned to stay a week, but left after 3
days. Yet, he arrived on Thursday and got back on Thursday.
So how could he have stayed 3 days?

Fred went into a hardware store to buy something that
almost every home has. He found out it cost \$1 each and
that 100 cost \$3. He purchased .73 and it cost \$2. What
did Fred buy?

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4. Fred went into the hardware store to buy house
numbers. A single number would cost \$1 while 100
-three numbers- would cost \$3. So when Fred bought .73,
he had to pay \$2 for the two numbers.

3. Horse named Thursday

2. No L (Noel)

ANSWERS: 1. the letter M

TOWN OF BENTON
SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION

Land, improved & unimproved:

Under current use - 1328.5 Ac.	\$ 115,250.00
All other - 6015.6 Ac.	<u>3,488,990.00</u>
Total of taxable land	\$3,604,240.00

Tax exempt - 24,077.9 Ac.

Assessed at \$6,345,280.00

Housing:

Residential and allied building	\$4,252,100.00
Manufactured housing	<u>311,210.00</u>
	\$4,563,310.00

Tax Exempt - \$337,520.00

Public Utilites:

New England Hydro-Transmission	\$ 722,790.00
New England Power Co.	36,110.00
New Hampshire Electric Co-op.	<u>238,750.00</u>
Total Assessments	\$ 997,650.00

Total Town Assessments:	\$9,160,200.00
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Less Elderly Exemption (1)	<u>5,000.00</u>
	\$9,155.200.00

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall - Land & Buildings	\$ 55,590.00
Furnishings & Equipment	<u>2,300.00</u>
Total	\$ 58,250.00

Land: East Cemetery (0.3 Ac.)

Mountain View Cemetery (0.9 Ac.)

Graveyard Field (1.3 Ac.)

High St. Cemetery (0.6 Ac.)

N. Benton Union Soc. (0.7 Ac.)

S/S Tunnel Brook Bridge (0.3 Ac.)

Total Acres - Nontaxable - 4.1 Ac. assessed at \$9,300

IT'S ALL RELATIVE

Each group contains four seemingly unrelated words. Change just one letter in each word without rearranging any of the other letters to form a completely new word. Each of the new words will share a common theme with the other three. CLUE: The new words in the first group are all colors.

CROWN	CRAWL	BOY	MODEL
MAN	CATTLE	FLEE	HOVEL
EMBER	FEND	BIRTH	DODGE
HAZED	FLASH	FAN	INK

(ANSWERS: brown, tan, amber, hazel
joy, glee, mith, fun
crawl, battle, fend, clash
motel, hotel, lodge, inn)

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Department of Transportation

Dear Mrs. Robitzer:

Following our review of Howe Hill and Tunnel Brook Roads in Benton, I offer the following ideas on short and long term maintenance and reconstruction of these roads.

Your primary concern should be improving the drainage along these roads. The shoulders should be regraded to allow water to flow off the road instead of being trapped in the wheel ruts. The ditches should be cleaned and drive pipes and cross pipes should be reset or replaced as necessary. These steps will help remove excess water from the subgrade, thereby creating a stable roadbed.

As an example of a saturated roadbed, there are two areas near the Nutt residence on Tunnel Brook Road where the ditchline is nearly non-existent. The ditches and pipes should be restored and shoulders graded to dry out the subgrade.

After the drainage problems are addressed, the Town may decide to reconstruct the roads in sections over several years. The existing pavement may be broken up and the roadbed scarified to a one-foot depth to remove stumps and boulders. Screened gravel can then be placed on this surface to a depth of about one foot. Each year's section may be surface-treated with asphalt emulsion to seal the surface and keep it stable until paved. Each

year the previous year's section should be sealed to preserve the surface.

After the reconstruction of both roads is complete, the roads could then be paved with 2½" of hot bituminous pavement.

As shown on the attached sheets, I have estimated that the road work, including scarifying, graveling and treating, would cost approximately \$100,000, based on statewide average prices. Paving would cost approximately \$125,000.

This estimate covers only the items listed and may not include other necessary work, such as ditching, underdrain, guard rail, tree removal, ledge removal, etc. These may best be addressed on the local level.

I have enclosed a copy of the DOT minimum guidelines for local roads for your reference, as well as a copy of my quantities estimate and assumptions. Please do not hesitate to call with any questions.

Very truly yours,

Alan G. Hanscom, P.E.

Asst. District 02 Engineer

"CHILDREN ARE HARDER TO RAISE THAN IN
THE PAST, AND EVERY GENERATION OF
PARENTS THINK SO."

ANONYMOUS

Benton - Howe Hill Rd. 0.80 mi.
 Tunnel Brook Rd. 2.05 Mi.
 2.85 Mi.

Surface area - 26,752 Sq. Yds

Scarify - Estimate - 50¢ per Sq. Yd. - Approx. \$15,000.00

Gravel - 12" depth x 26,752 sq. yd. x yds.

@ \$7.50 per cu. yd. = 36 " =8,917 Cu. Yds.
 \$66,878.00

Surface treatment:

Use 0.5 gal. emulsion per sq. yd.

0.5 gal.
 54 x26,752 sq. yd. = 13,376 gal.x $\frac{\text{ton}}{238 \text{ gal.}}$ = 56.2 tons
 @ \$178.50 per ton = \$10,032.00

Sealing:

Use 0.25 gal. per sq. yd.

Paving:

Use roughly 2½" Hot Bituminous Paving

26,752 sq. yd.x $\frac{0.057 \text{ tns}}{\text{sq. yd. inch}}$ x 2.5 inches = 3,812 tons
 @\$30.00 per ton = \$114,360.00

Totals:

Scarify	\$ 15,000.00
Gravel	66,878.00
Surface Treatment	<u>10,032.00</u>
	\$ 91,910.00 Better make this
Sealing	1,000.00(per sect.) \$100,000
Paving	114,360.00 Better makes thi
	\$125,000

Suggested Schedule:

Year	1	2	3	4	5	6
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Reconstruct:

	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$
<u>Seal:</u>	\$	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$1,000	\$
<u>Paving:</u>	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
	\$45,000	\$46,000	\$46,000	\$46,000	\$46,000	\$25,000

Can you find all these special words in the puzzle below?
 CLUE: they may be written frontwards, backwards, right-side up, upside down or even diagonally!

A	N	G	S	L	A	T	N	E	R	J	Q
M	P	H	O	T	C	I	D	E	R	F	V
B	F	R	S	H	Q	T	S	Y	E	I	S
I	A	Q	E	V	X	O	R	L	W	R	E
C	M	S	G	S	R	Z	I	A	X	E	P
E	I	B	D	T	S	B	H	M	I	P	O
S	L	U	O	R	O	K	Z	Q	L	L	L
K	Y	T	L	M	S	N	I	M	B	A	S
A	F	T	W	B	R	Q	K	S	V	C	Y
T	U	O	B	O	U	T	I	Q	U	E	S
E	N	H	O	T	E	L	S	T	R	L	A
S	N	O	W	S	H	O	E	S	Q	Z	E

Words:

APRES SKI	HOT CIDER	RENTALS
BOUTIQUES	HOTELS	RESORT
EASY SLOPES	HOT TUBS	SNOWMOBILE
FAMILY FUN	ICE SKATES	SNOWSHOES
FIREPLACE	LODGES	TRAILS

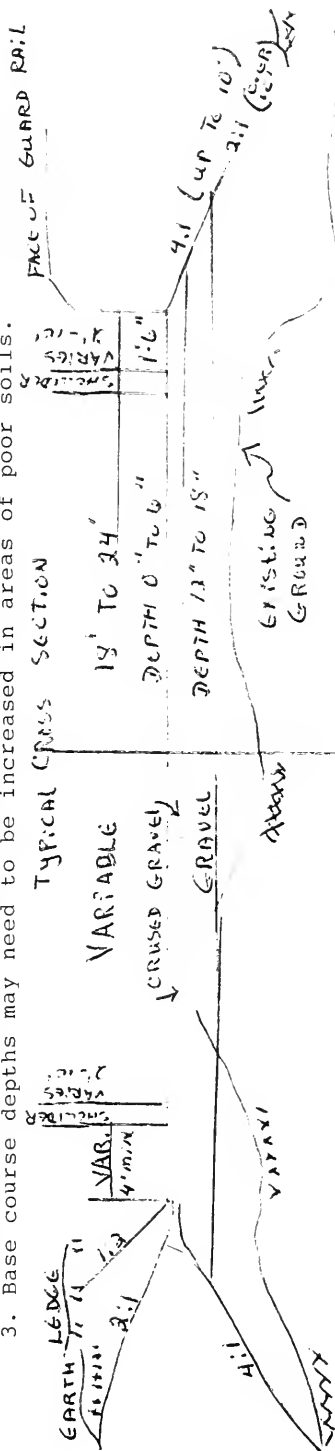
NH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Average Daily Traffic (Veh./Day)	0-50	50-200	200-750	750-1500	1500 & over
Pavement Width (feet)	18 Min.	20	20	22	24
Shoulder Width (feet)	2	2	4	4	8-10
Center of Road to Ditch Line	15	16	18	19-21	Varies
Pavement Type	Gravel	Asph. Surface Treated	Hot Bituminous	Hot Bituminous	Hot Bitum
Slope of Roadway	$\frac{1}{2}$ " Per Ft	$\frac{3}{8}$ " P.Ft.	$\frac{1}{4}$ " P.Ft.	$\frac{1}{4}$ " P.Ft.	$\frac{1}{4}$ " Per Ft
Base Course Depth - (Gravel) (Cr. Gravel)					

Notes: 1. Gravel Surface should be Paved where steep grades occur.

2. For average daily traffic over 1000 Veh /Day paved shoulders should be considered.

Basic course contents may need to be increased in areas of poor soils.



ROAD REVIEW - 1992

It was a tough year by way of road maintainance. The lack of snow for insulation caused almost every ditch and culvert to freeze. Almost all storms that we got were freezing rains and ice, which takes extra sand, salt and time.

Compounded with torrential rains in late March and early April for spring run-off, all roads suffered extensive damage.

It was felt that all ditches and culverts needed a thorough cleaning. We dug up and cleaned ten culverts and installed three new ones. We removed 134 loads of material from the ditches and a lot of folks benefitted from the free fill. We also rented the brush-hog mower this year which does a great job.

To go along with the voices and opinions of the people at Town Meeting, we contacted and met with a state engineer to go over the roads on May 6, 1992 with theSelectmen and myself.

In this years Town Report you will find information and recommendations resulting from that meeting. We do need to establish a rebuilding schedule very soon or there will be nothing left to save.



Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Elliott,
Road Agent

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL
1992 REPORT

North Country Council is the Regional Planning Commission and economic development district for 51 towns in norther New Hampshire. It js supported by local community and county dues which are used to match state and federal funding sources.

Local planning asistance provided to memeber towns this past year included; municipal planning, transportation planning, business and industrial planning, landscape architecture, solid waste planning, resource management, and GIS mapping. The Council provided professional assistance to Planning Boards, Boards of Selectmen, Zoning Boards of Adjustment, Conservation Commissions, Solid Waste Districts, Local Development Corporations, Non-Profit Community Organizations, Chambers of Commerce, Educational Institutions and Social Service Organizations and Agencies in all of our member towns.

During 1992 North Country Council also continued its commitment to regional planning as follows: completed the North Country's first ISTEA Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement program; completed a new regional ecomonic development strategy; developed economic strategic plans with local development groups; expanded the Working Capital micro-lending program throughout the region; provided technical assistance to communities on major infrastructure projects; completed a regional wood products marketing plan; participated in the development of a statewide telecommunications network;

conducted an impact assessment of new banking regulations on the businesses in the North Country; provided solid waste and recycling technical assistance to towns, schools and solid waste districts; and continued our public education initiative on forest lands issued in Coos County. All the above major activities occurred at the same time as the Council provided daily planning and development technical assistance to our members.

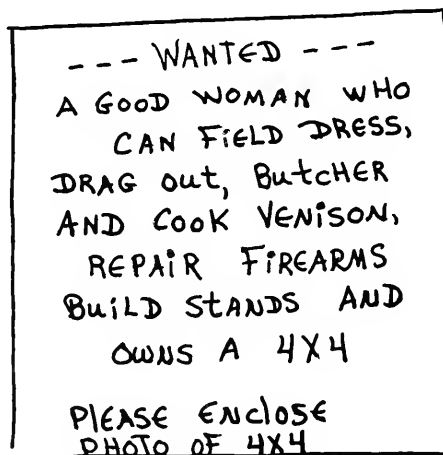
In the ensuing year the Council will continue its commitment to local membership services and regional problem resolution.

Persons from member towns interested in becoming involved with the council are urged to contact their selectmen for appointment as Council representatives or committee members.

Sincerely,

Preston S. Gilbert

Executive Director



Report of Town Forest Fire Warden & State Forest
Ranger

1992 was below average for wildfires reported in our state. Our largest fire was in May in Rumney where a suspicious origin fire burned approximately 150 acres with a total cost of approximately \$30,000. The N.H. Division of Forests and Lands assisted many other communities in wildland fire suppression as well.

Our fire lookout towers reported 289 fires, burning a total of 136 acres. Our major causes of fires were fires kindled without a permit, unknown causes and children. Please help your town and state forest fire officials with fire prevention. New Hampshire State Law (RSA 224:27 requires that, "No person, firm or corporation shall kindle or cause to be kindled any fire or burn or cause to be burned any material in the open, except when the ground is covered with snow, without first obtaining a written fire permit from the Forest Fire Warden of the town where the burning is to be done."

Violation of this statute is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or a year in jail and you are liable for all fire suppression costs.

Local fire departments are responsible for suppressing fires. The small average fire size of .47 acre/fire is a tribute to early detection by the public or our fire tower system and the quick response of our trained local fire departments. Please help your Warden and fire department by requesting a fire permit before kindling an open fire.

The N.H. Division of Forests and Lands assisted 28 towns with a total of \$20,000 in 50/50 cost share grants for fire fighter safety items and wildland suppression equipment in 1992.

If you have any questions regarding New Hampshire forest fire laws, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden, State Forest Ranger, or Division of Forests and Lands at 271-2217.

FOREST FIRE STATISTICS 1992

	<u>State</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Town:</u>
Number of Fires	289	41	Benton
Acres Burned	136	182	

John Q. Ricard
Forest Ranger

William Harris
Forest Fire Warden

For fire permits and information call: 787-6368

"THERE IS NOTHING LIKE THE JOY OF
MOTHER HOOD, ESPECIALLY WHEN ALL THE
CHILDREN ARE IN BED."

—ANONYMOUS

RECORD OF AFFIRMATIVE VOTES FOR:
Annual Town Meeting - 1992

Agreeable to the warrant for the annual town meeting, the meeting was called to order by the Moderator Daniel Elliott, on March 11, 1992 at 7:00 PM at the Benton Community Bldg. in Benton, NH.

Town meeting opened with the warrant being read by the Moderator, Daniel Elliott, A motion was made and 2nd then voted upon, to recess town meeting and open the School Meeting.

Town Meeting was reopened at 7:32 PM.

Art. 1: This article read to elect a town clerk for the following year. Lyn Bandy was nominated. This nomination was made, seconded and voice vote taken to accept this nomination. Selectmen for three years: nominees were: Peter Thompson, Jeff Elliott, John Roden and Dorothea Bragdon. A motion was made, seconded and paper vote taken : Results: Peter Thompson-14 votes, Jeff Elliott-14 votes, John Roden - 19 votes and Dorothea Bragdon - 5 votes. Priscilla Boutin was nominated as treasurer for one year. Motion made, seconded and a voice vote taken to accept this nomination.. Beverly Sousa was nominated as Tax Collector for one year. Motion made seconded and voice vote taken to accept this nomination. Dorothy Elliott was nominated as Auditor for one year. Motion made, seconded, and voice vote taken to accept this nomination. Motion was made, seconded and voice vote taken to keep the Sexton position for one year as it has been. This is done on a voluntary basis. Supervisor of the Checklist for 3 years was nominated as Catherine Elliott. Motion made, 2nd and voice vote taken to accept this nomination. Jane Elliott resigned this year so this position needed to be filled. Iona Boutin was nominated. Motion made, 2nd and voice vote taken to accept this nomination. Nomination made as to Michele Elliott for Ballot Clerk. Motion made 2nd and voice vote taken to accept this nomination. Nomination made as to Moderator for a term of one year. Nominees were: Daniel Elliott and Mark Elliott. Motion made, seconded and paper vote taken. Daniel Elliott - 21 votes and Mark Elliott - 30 votes. Nominee for Trustee of the Trust Funds for a term of one year was Scott Roden. Motion made, seconded and voice vote taken to accept this nomination. Joseph Boutin, Jr. was nominated as Surveyor of Wood and Lumber. Motion made, seconded and voice vote taken to accept this nomination. Nomination was made for Kate Goodwin as Ballot Inspector. Motion made, seconded and voice vote taken to accept this nomination.

Art. 2: This article read: To see if the town will vote to accept the reports of officers and agents as printed in the town report. Motion made, 2nd and voice vote taken to accept this article.

Art. 3: This article read: To see if the town will vote to

authorize the selectmen to borrow money for the current indebtedness in anticipation of taxes collected for the year 1992 and to be re-paid therefrom. Motion made, 2nd and voice vote taken to accept this article as written.

Art. 4: This article read: To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to administer or sell any real estate acquired through Tax Collectors deeds. Motion made, 2nd and voice vote taken to accept this article as written.

Art.5: This article read: to see if the town will vote to designate the selectmen as agents to expend the Capital Reserve Fund, previously established for the Tunnel Brook Bridge rehabilitation. There is now \$12,000 in the fund for this project. Motion made, 2nd to pass this article.

Art. 6: This article read: To see if the town will vote to return the old wood stove at the original town clerk's office to Albert Boutin, Sr. Motion made, 2nd and voice vote taken to accept this article as written.

Art.7: This article: To see if the town will vote and act upon any disposition of the old town clerk's office and its contents. Motion made, 2nd and voice vote taken to accept this art. as written. It was stated that the Selectmen should meet at the town bldg. with Tom Gregory and go over its contents.

Art. 8: This Article: To see if the town will vote to join the Twin State Mutual Aid Fire Assoc. as an Associate member of both the North Haverhill Fire Co. for North Cnty. Benton and the Haverhill Fire Co. for all on the South and West side of town. Motion made, 2nd and voice vote taken to accept this art. as written.

Art. 9: This article read: BY PETITION: to see if the town will vote to create an expendable trust fund under RSA 31:19A to be known as the Fire Protection Fund, for the purpose of covering the cost of fires that may occur during the fiscal year and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 toward this purpose and designate the selectmen as agents to expend monies to cover the cost of fires in Benton, NH. Motion made, 2nd and paper vote taken on this article. Results: No-19 and Yes 25.

Art. 10: This article read: To see if the town will vote to join with the Woodsville Ambulance and Rescue Service for one year from July 1992 to July 1993 for ambulance services for the town at a cost of \$1,566.50. Motion made, 2nd and voice vote taken to accept this article as written.

Art. 11: This article read: To see if the town will vote to give to the North Country Home Health, The White Mtn. Mental Health, the Tri-County Community Action and the Senior Citizens Council and in what amounts. Last year we gave:

NCHH	\$300	
WMMH	300	
TCA	175	
SC	150	=== \$925

This years fitures:	NCHH	\$300
	WMMH	300
	TCA	175
	SC	175
		<u>\$950</u>

Motion made, 2nd and voice vote taken to accept this article as written.

Art. 12: This article read: to see if the town will vote to re-build that section of Tunnel Brk Rd. from the Paul Boutin home East to the piece that was recently redone (1988) and also to re-do Howe Hill Road from Rt 116 up to Ray Nichols home and designate the Selectmen as agents to expend the necessary funds from the Capital Reserve Fund prevuously established for this purpose. There is about \$32,000 in the fund now. Motion made, seconded, and voice vote taken to deny this article as written.

Art. 13: This article read: To see if the town will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money to be raised and appropriated for the ensuing year as recommended in the budget, to raise and appropriate all sums do determined for said purpose, and to pass any other vote relating thereto. Motion made, 2nd and voice vote taken to drop \$6000 Capita l Reserve from budget for roads as it wasn't in the warrant.

\$53,867 for budget
<u>6,000 taken out</u>
\$47,487 budget now
<u>3,500 Art.9</u>
\$50,887 new budget
<u>300 paint</u>
\$51,187 final budget.

Motion made, 2nd and voice vote taken to pass over this article as of now.

Art. 14: This article read: to see if the town will vote to establish a group or committee to organize and put into action a plan to paint the Community Bldg. if the town buys the paint and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300. Motin made, 2nd, and voice vote taken to accept this article as written.

Back to article 13: Motion made, 2nd and voice vote taken to accept this article as written.

Art. 15: This article read: To see if the town will vote to appoint Robert & Carol Miles to organize an "Adopt a Grave Site" movement for the High Street Cemetery to see if we can't bring this old piece of Benton up to what it should be. Motion made, seconded and voice vote taken to accept this article as written.

Helena Harris

Helena L. Harris

Benton Town ~~Clerk~~

1982-1992

BIRTHS:

Jessie Alexis Lavigne Born: 10-13-92
Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital Lebanon, NH
Mother: Linda Jeanne Lavigne
Father: Paul Alexis Lavigne

MARRIAGES:

Mark Steven Allsop 34 Years
Christine Elaine Page 27 Years

Married 09-05-92 Place: N. Haverhill, NH

Grooms parents: Spencer B. Allsop
 Judith D. Cole

Bridges parents: Arthur L. White Sr.
 Sarah R. White

DEATHS:

Helen Gleason Deceased: 01-13-92 Born: 06-30-20
Glenclyff Home For Elderly
Mother: Anne Jolicoeur Occupation: Housewife
Father: Henry Sequin Born: Berlin, NH

Ira Eastman Elliott Deceased: 01-12-92 Born: 06-24-1894
Grafton County Nursing Home
Mother: Nora Bardon Occupation: Mill Worker
Father: Harry H: Elliott Born: Benton, NH

Jeffers Foster Page Deceased: 04-12-92 Born: 07-31-51
Cottage Hospital
Mother: Ruth Foster Occupation: Dairy Farmer
Father: James J. Page Born: Haverhill, NH

George Washington Young Deceased: 04-20-92 Born: 10-02-27
Cottage Hospital
Mother: Mabel Corkum Occupation: Public Trans-
 portation Co.
Father: Linfield Scott Young Born: Philadelphia, Pa.

VITAL STATISTICS

DEATHS:

Robert Delisle Deceased: 05-08-92 Born: 12-08-20
Glenclyff Home For Elderly
Mother: UK Occupation: Mill Worker
Father: Eugene Delisle Born: Manchester, NH

Ruth F. Kelly Deceased: 05-18-92 Born: 05-10-09
Glenclyff Home For Elderly
Mother: UK Occupation: School Teacher
Father: John Martin Born: Mass.

Georgianna Favreau Deceased: 05-28-92 Born: 04-29-1890
Glenclyff Home For Elderly
Mother: Alice Mathieu Occupation: Mill Worker
Father: Jean Favreau Born: Long Island, NY

Hazel Greenwood Deceased: 07-04-92 Born: 04-11-11
Glenclyff Home For Elderly
Mother: Mary Ellen McFarland Occupation: Artist
Father: Thomas Austin Greenwood Born: Boston, Mass.

Pauline Emily Cusick Deceased: 09-24-92 Born: 02-25-09
Glenclyff Home For Elderly
Mother: Emily Smith Occupation: Housewife
Father: Herbert Chapman Born: Sunapee, NH

Priscilla A. Hussey Deceased: 10-23-92 Born: 10-04-32
Glenclyff Home For Elderly
Mother: Lily S. Anderson Occupation: Housewife
Father: James A. Morse Born: Boston, Mass.

James Jeffers Page Deceased: 10-31-92 Born: 03-05-20
Benton, NH
Mother: Helen Ridler White Occupation: Dairy Farmer,
Geologist, Forrester
Father: Norman J. Page Born: Woodsville, NH

Phillip M. Vaillant Deceased: 12-15-92 Born: 11-06-21
Glenclyff Home For Elderly
Mother: Alice Plourde Occupation: UK
Father: Thomas Vaillant Born: Ashland, NH

JIM PAGE, LONG-TIME NHEC BOARD MEMBER DIES

Served as President 1980-1986, V.P. 1976-80

James J. Page, long-time member of New Hampshire Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors, died October 31 at his home in Benton.

For more than 36 years, Page served New Hampshire Electric Cooperative on the Board of Directors. From 1976 to 1980 he served as Vice President of the Board, and from 1980 to 1986 he served as President of the board.

Page served as President of the Northeast Association of Electric Cooperatives from 1976 to 1978, and was the New Hampshire Director on the Board of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association from 1979 to 1990.

Last May, Page received the George D. Aiken award, given by the Northeast Association of Electric Cooperatives to an individual who exemplifies the Cooperative way of doing business.

Page attended school in Woodsville and Hanover, and was a graduate of Cushing Academy in Ashburnham, Mass., and Dartmouth College, class of 1941. After graduation, he was a geologist for the U.S. Geological Survey and earned an M.A. degree in geology in 1949.

During World War II he served as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers in North Africa and the Persian Gulf. In 1950, Page returned to Benton where he established and managed Page Hill Farms on land settled by his great-grandfather.

For many years, Page was a Benton selectmen, moderator and planning board member. He was active in land and forest conservation and was instrumental in developing a comprehensive land use plan for Grafton County through the County Conservation District. He was active with the N.H. and New England Milk Production Association and earned a national award for that Association from the White House.

Page was married to Ruth (Foster) Page, who died in 1972. His son, Jeffers F. Page, died in 1992. Family members include a daughter, Deborah H. Page of Benton; two grandchildren, a brother, Lincoln Page of Melvin Village; a sister, Miriam O. Page of East Haverhill; several nephews and cousins.

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
FINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT OFFICERS
SCHOOL BOARD

Scott Roden	Term Expires 1993
Stefan Cimikowski	Term Expires 1994
Laurie Elliott	Term Expires 1995

OTHER DISTRICT OFFICERS

John Elliott, Jr.	Moderator
Maxine Tyler	Treasurer
Dorothy Elliott	Auditor
Lyn Hardy	Clerk

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
Douglas R. McDonald, Ed.D

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS
Keith M. Pfeifer, Ph.D.
James Gaylord

Annual School District Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 1992
Benton Town Hall

Helena Harris - School District Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Moderator John Elliott, Jr. Mr. Elliott read the school warrant and the following action was taken on the articles in the school warrant.

Article 1: To choose a Moderator for the coming year. Mrs. Robitzer nominated John Elliott, Jr. Scott Roden seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations and nominations were closed. The moderator asked Mrs. Harris, School District Clerk, to cast one ballot in favor of Mr. Elliott. Mr. Elliott was duly elected Moderator.

Article 2: To choose a clerk for the ensuing year. Scott Roden nominated Lynn Bandy. Laurie Elliott seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations and nominations were closed. The moderator asked Mrs. Harris, School District Clerk, to cast one ballot in favor of Mrs. Bandy. Mrs. Bandy was duly elected as School District Clerk.

Article 3: To choose one member of the School Board for a three year term ending in 1995. Scott Roden nominated Laurie Elliott and Stefan Cimikowski seconded the motion. There were no other nominations and nominations were closed. The moderator asked Mrs. Harris, School District Clerk, to cast one ballot in favor of Mrs. Elliott. Mrs. Elliott was duly elected as a School Board member for a three year term ending in 1995.

Article 4: To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year. Laurie Elliott nominated Maxine Tyler. Scott Roden seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations and nominations were closed. The moderator asked Mrs. Harris, School District Clerk, to cast one ballot in favor of Mrs. Tyler. Mrs. Tyler was duly elected as School District Treasurer.

Article 5: To determine and appoint the salaries of the school board and truant officer and fix the compensation of other officers or agents of the district. Scott Roden made a motion to pass over this Article since salaries were included in the 1992-93 school district budget under Article 11. Laurie Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Article 6: To hear reports of agents, committees, or officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 7: To choose agents, auditors, and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant. Scott Roden moved that we pass over this Article. Laurie Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Article 8: To see if the voters of the district will accept the provisions of RSA 198:20-b providing that any school district at an

annual meeting may adopt an Article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescision of such authority, the school board to apply for, accept, and expend, without further action by the school district, money from a state, federal, or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year.

Scott Roden moved the Article be accepted as written. Laurie Elliott seconded the motion. the motion carried unanimously.

Article 9: To see if the district will vote to enter into a tuition agreement for grades K-12 with the Haverhill Cooperative School District for the 1992-93 school year.

Laurie Elliott moved the Article be accepted as written. Scott Roden seconded the motion. Scott Roden explained that the Benton School District would receive a 5% tuition discount on each student if this one year agreement was entered into. There were several questions about the impact of this agreement and the length of the agreement. After discussion, Mr. Elliott called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Article 10: To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the purpose of conducting an architect study to convert the Benton Town Hall to an elementary school.

Scott Roden moved that \$2,500.00 be raised and appropriated for an architect study to convert the Benton Town Hall to an elementary school. Stefan Cimikowski seconded the motion. Scott Roden explained that the school board does not recommend this expenditure. Mr. Elliott called for a voice vote the motion failed.

Article 11: To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

Scott Roden moved that the Benton School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$192,817.00 for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and appropriation which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

Laurie Elliott seconded the motion. Mr. Pfeifer explained the expenditure in the budget. Mr. Elliott called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Article 12: Laurie Elliott thanked Helena Harris for her dedicated service as School District Clerk. The body acknowledged her contribution to the school district.

Scott Roden moved to adjourn at 7:27 PM. Laurie Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Helena Harris
Benton School Clerk

BENTON
SCHOOL WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District of Benton in the County of Grafton, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Community Building in said district on the 9 day of March, 1993 at 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

- ARTICLE 1: To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
- ARTICLE 2: To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 3: To choose one Member of the School Board, for a term of three years.
- ARTICLE 4: To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 5: To hear reports of Agents, Committees, or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
- ARTICLE 6: To see if the district will vote to enter into a three year tuition agreement for grades K-12 with the Haverhill Cooperative School District for the 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 school years.
- ARTICLE 7: To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
- ARTICLE 8: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Benton this day of February, 1993

Scott Roden, Chairman

Stefan Cimikowski

Laurie Elliott
BENTON SCHOOL BOARD

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
B2
1-GENERAL FUND

BUDGET WORKSHEET BY FUNCTION
01/29/93

EXPENSE ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	***** 1991-1992 ***** BUDGET	ACTUAL	* 1992-1993 * BUDGET	* 1993-1994 * BUDGET	+/-
FUNCTION 1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS						
561 TUITION TO LEAS IN NH	OBJECT	* 114,325.00	100,850.00	126,070.00	146,395.00	20,325.00
1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS	FUNCTION	* 114,325.00	100,850.00	126,070.00	146,395.00	20,325.00
FUNCTION 1200 SPECIAL PROGRAMS						
310 INSTRUCTION SERVICES	OBJECT	* 28,000.00	24,313.37	29,000.00	30,000.00	1,000.00
320 INSTRUCTIONAL IMPROVEMENT SERVICES	OBJECT	* 7,477.00	6,293.00	7,251.00	7,238.00	13.00-
330 PUPIL SERVICES	OBJECT	* 1,305.00	2,977.56	2,550.00	2,550.00-	2,550.00-
331 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	OBJECT	* 1,440.00		1,440.00	1,440.00	1,440.00
333 PHYSICAL THERAPY	OBJECT	* 1,656.00		1,656.00	1,656.00	1,656.00
1200 SPECIAL PROGRAMS	FUNCTION	* 36,782.00	33,583.93	38,801.00	40,334.00	1,533.00
FUNCTION 1420 SUMMER SCHOOL						
310 INSTRUCTION SERVICES	OBJECT	* 700.00		300.00	800.00	500.00
331 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	OBJECT	* 700.00		300.00	100.00	100.00
333 PHYSICAL THERAPY	OBJECT	* 700.00		300.00	230.00	230.00
561 TUITION TO LEAS IN NH	OBJECT	* 669.00	669.00	350.00	350.00	
569 OTHER TUITION	OBJECT	* 350.00		350.00	350.00	
1420 SUMMER SCHOOL	FUNCTION	* 700.00	669.00	650.00	1,480.00	830.00
FUNCTION 2150 SPEECH AND AUDIOLOGY						
310 INSTRUCTION SERVICES	OBJECT	* 3,365.00	3,365.00	3,251.00	2,862.00	389.00-
2150 SPEECH AND AUDIOLOGY	FUNCTION	* 3,365.00	3,365.00	3,251.00	2,862.00	389.00-
FUNCTION 2159 SPEECH-SUMMER SCHOOL						
310 INSTRUCTION SERVICES	OBJECT	* 200.00		350.00	200.00	150.00-

HENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
82
1-GENERAL FUND

RUDGET WORKSHEET BY FUNCTION
01/29/93

EXPENSE ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	***** 1991-1992 ***** RUDGET	***** ACTUAL	* 1992-1993 * RUDGET	* 1993-1994 * RUDGET	+/-
CONTINUED						
FUNCTION 2159 SPEECH-SIMMER SCHOOL	FUNCTION TOTAL	*		350.00	200.00	150.00-
FUNCTION 2311 SCHOOL BOARD						
110 REGULAR SALARIES	OBJECT TOTAL	*	450.00	450.00	450.00	
230 FICA	OBJECT TOTAL	*	34.44	7.00	35.00	28.00
522 LIABILITY INSURANCE	OBJECT TOTAL	*	2,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
540 ADVERTISING	OBJECT TOTAL	*	78.00	45.00	90.00	45.00
610 SUPPLIES	OBJECT TOTAL	*	20.00	20.00	20.00-	
810 DUES AND FEES	OBJECT TOTAL	*	353.00	371.00	366.00	5.00-
2311 SCHOOL BOARD	FUNCTION TOTAL	*	2,830.00	2,393.00	2,441.00	48.00
FUNCTION 2312 CLERK OF THE BOARD						
370 STATISTICAL SERVICES	OBJECT TOTAL	*	16.00	16.00	16.00	
2312 CLERK OF THE BOARD	FUNCTION TOTAL	*	16.00	16.00	16.00	
FUNCTION 2313 DISTRICT TREASURER						
110 REGULAR SALARIES	OBJECT TOTAL	*	50.00	70.00	70.00	6.00
230 FICA	OBJECT TOTAL	*	3.79	6.00	6.00	
532 POSTAGE	OBJECT TOTAL	*	11.00	16.00	18.00	2.00
610 SUPPLIES	OBJECT TOTAL	*	34.80			
2313 DISTRICT TREASURER	FUNCTION TOTAL	*	61.00	86.00	94.00	8.00
FUNCTION 2314 ELECTIONS AND DISTRICT MEETINGS						
110 REGULAR SALARIES	OBJECT TOTAL	*	32.00	32.00	32.00	
230 FICA	OBJECT TOTAL	*	1.72		1.00	1.00

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT		RUDGET WORKSHEET BY FUNCTION					
B2		01/29/93					
1-GENERAL FUND		***** 1991-1992 *****					
EXPENSE ACCOUNT		DESCRIPTION		RUDGET	ACTUAL	* 1992-1993 *	* 1993-1994 *
						BUDGET	BUDGET
							+/ -
FUNCTION 2314 ELECTIONS AND DISTRICT MEETINGS		CONTINUED					
2314 ELECTIONS AND DISTRICT MEETINGS	FUNCTION	TOTAL	*	32.00	17.22	32.00	33.00
1.00							
FUNCTION 2317 AUDIT							
390 OTHER PURCHASED PROF SERVICES	OBJECT	TOTAL	*	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
2317 AUDIT	FUNCTION	TOTAL	*	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
FUNCTION 2321 OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT							
351 SAU SERVICES	OBJECT	TOTAL	*	4,426.00	4,426.00	4,894.00	5,527.00
633.00							
2321 OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT	FUNCTION	TOTAL	*	4,426.00	4,426.00	4,894.00	5,527.00
633.00							
FUNCTION 2390 OTHER SUPPORT SERV-GEN ADM							
359 OTHER MANAGEMENT SERVICES	OBJECT	TOTAL	*	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
2390 OTHER SUPPORT SERV-GEN ADM	FUNCTION	TOTAL	*	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
FUNCTION 2552 TRANSFORMATION TO AND FROM SCHOOL							
513 PUPIL TRANS-OTHER ORGANIZATIONS	OBJECT	TOTAL	*	14,000.00	14,000.00	14,000.00	14,000.00
521 PROPERTY INSURANCE	OBJECT	TOTAL	*	250.00	203.00	250.00	270.00
30.00-							
2552 TRANSFORMATION TO AND FROM SCHOOL	FUNCTION	TOTAL	*	14,250.00	14,203.00	14,250.00	14,220.00
30.00-							
FUNCTION 2553 HANDICAPPED TRANSFORMATION							
513 PUPIL TRANS-OTHER ORGANIZATIONS	OBJECT	TOTAL	*	2,574.00	2,402.40	1,494.00	1,296.00
198.00-							
2553 HANDICAPPED TRANSFORMATION	FUNCTION	TOTAL	*	2,574.00	2,402.40	1,494.00	1,296.00
198.00-							

BUDGET WORKSHEET BY FUNCTION
01/29/93

B2

1-GENERAL FUND

EXPENSE ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	***** 1991-1992 *****	***** 1992-1993 *****	***** 1993-1994 *****
		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET

FUNCTION 2558 SS HANDICAPPED TRANSPORTATION

513 PUPIL, 'TRANS-OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

2558 SS HANDICAPPED TRANSPORTATION

1 GENERAL FUND

TOTAL	**	179,891.00
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TOTAL, ***	179,891.00
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BUDGET WORKSHEET BY FUNCTION

01/29/93

REXTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

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1-GENERAL FUND

1-GENERAL FUND									
EXPENSE ACCOUNT		DESCRIPTION		***** 1991-1992 *****		* 1992-1993 *		* 1993-1994 *	
				BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET		BUDGET	+/-
1100	REGULAR PROGRAMS	FUNCTION	TOTAL	*	114,325.00	100,850.00	126,070.00	146,395.00	20,325.00
1200	SPECIAL PROGRAMS	FUNCTION	TOTAL	*	36,782.00	33,583.93	38,801.00	40,334.00	1,533.00
1400	SUMMER SCHOOL	FUNCTION	TOTAL	*	700.00	669.00	650.00	1,480.00	830.00
2150	SPEECH AND AUDIOLOGY	FUNCTION	TOTAL	*	3,365.00	3,365.00	3,251.00	2,862.00	389.00
2159	SPEECH-SUMMER SCHOOL	FUNCTION	TOTAL	*			350.00	700.00	150.00
2311	SCHOOL BOARD	FUNCTION	TOTAL	*	2,830.00	1,765.34	2,393.00	2,441.00	48.00
2312	CLERK OF THE BOARD	FUNCTION	TOTAL	*	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	
2313	DISTRICT TREASURER	FUNCTION	TOTAL	*	61.00	105.09	86.00	94.00	8.00
2314	ELECTIONS AND DISTRICT MEETINGS	FUNCTION	TOTAL	*	32.00	17.22	32.00	33.00	1.00
2317	AUDIT	FUNCTION	TOTAL	*	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	
2321	OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT	FUNCTION	TOTAL	*	4,476.00	4,426.00	4,894.00	5,527.00	633.00
2390	OTHER SUPPORT SERV-GEN ADM	FUNCTION	TOTAL	*	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	
2552	TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM SCHOOL	FUNCTION	TOTAL	*	14,250.00	14,202.00	14,250.00	14,270.00	30.00
2553	HANDICAPPED TRANSPORTATION	FUNCTION	TOTAL	*	2,574.00	2,402.40	1,494.00	1,296.00	198.00
2558	SS HANDICAPPED TRANSPORTATION	FUNCTION	TOTAL	*				345.00	345.00
1 GENERAL FUND				**	179,891.00	161,932.98	192,817.00	215,773.00	22,956.00
DISTRICT TOTAL ****					179,891.00	161,932.98	192,817.00	215,773.00	22,956.00

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
ESTIMATED REVENUE

<u>Unreserved Fund Balance</u>		<u>1992-93</u>	<u>1993-94</u>
1100	Revenue From Local Sources	19,266.00	10,000.00
	1100 Taxes		
	1510 Interest	151,366.00	181,977.00
		250.00	250.00
3000	Revenue From State Sources		
	3110 Foundation Aid	10,103.00	11,796.00
	3240 Catastrophic Aid	4,832.00	4,800.00
4000	Revenue From Federal Sources		
	4810 Forest Reserve	7,000.00	7,000.00
	TOTAL	<u>192,817.00</u>	<u>215,773.00</u>

School Tax

1986	\$27.91
1987	7.90
1988	4.89
1989	7.09
1990	15.22
1991	13.19
1992	16.18
1993 (Estimated)	19.86

(\$8,436 = \$1.00)
(\$8,655 = \$1.00)
(\$8,700 = \$1.00)
(\$9,160 = \$1.00)

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES
EXPENDITURES & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

For Year Ending June 30, 1992

REVENUE	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Local Taxes	\$159,844.00	\$114,725.00
Interest on Investments		990.13
Trustees Funds		139.24
Misc. Income		96.60
State Sources		
Foundation Aid	13,047.00	14,940.81
National Forest Reserve	7,000.00	8,459.19
Catastrophic Aid	<u> .</u>	<u>4,733.66</u>
Total Revenues	\$179,891.00	\$144,084.63
EXPENDITURES		
Instruction		
Regular Education	\$114,325.00	\$100,850.00
Special Education	37,482.00	34,252.93
Speech	3,365.00	3,365.00
General Administration		
School Board	2,969.00	1,933.65
SAU #23	4,926.00	4,926.00
Transportation		
Contract Services Ins.	<u>16,824.00</u>	<u>16,605.40</u>
Town Expenditures	\$179,891.00	\$161,932.98
Excess Expenditures over Revenue		\$17,848.35
Fund Balance -- July 1, 1991		\$37,114.55
Fund Balance -- June 30, 1992		\$19,266.20

BALANCE SHEET
June 30, 1992

ASSETS

<u>Current Assets</u>	<u>General</u>
<u>Account No.</u>	
100 Cash	\$12,069.49
140 Intergovernmental Receivables	<u>7,865.71</u>
Total Assets	\$19,935.20

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

<u>Fund Equity</u>	
<u>Account No.</u>	
410 Intergovernmental Payables	669.00
770 Unreserved Fund Balance	\$19,266.20
Total Fund Equity	\$19,266.20
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$19,935.20

STATEMENT OF REVENUES
For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1992

TAXES

<u>Revenue From Local Sources</u>	<u>General</u>
<u>Account No.</u>	
1121 Current Appropriation	<u>\$114,725.00</u>
Total Taxes	\$114,725.00
1500 Earnings on Investments	\$90.13
1990 Other Local Revenue	<u>235.84</u>
Total Other Revenue from Local Sources	<u>\$ 1,225.97</u>
TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE	\$115,950.97

Revenue From State Sources
Unrestricted Grants-In-Aid
Account No.

3110 Foundation Aid	<u>14,940.81</u>
Total Unrestricted Grants-In-Aid	\$14,940.81

Restricted Grants-In-Aid
Account No.

3240 Catastrophic Aid	<u>4,733.66</u>
Total Restricted Grants-In-Aid	<u>\$4,733.66</u>
TOTAL REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES	\$19,674.47

Revenue From Federal Sources
Account No.

4800 Revenue In Lieu of Taxes	<u>8,459.19</u>
TOTAL REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES	\$8,459.19
TOTAL REVENUE	\$144,084.63

GENERAL FUND: STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES — ELEMENTARY
For the Year Ended June 30, 1992

School District Benton

Function	Acct. No.	(1) 100 Salaries	(2) 200 Employee Benefits	(3) 300, 400, 500 Purchased Services	(4) 800 Supplies	(5) 700 Property	(6) 800 Other	(7) Total
Instruction	1000							
1. Regular Education Programs	1100							
2. Special Education Programs	1200							
3. Vocational Education Programs	1300							
4. Other Instructional Programs	1400							
Supporting Services	2000							
Pupils	2100							
5. Attendance and Social Work	2110							
6. Guidance	2120							
7. Health	2130							
8. Psychological	2140							
8. Speech Pathology & Audiology	2150							
10. Other Pupils	2190							
Instructional	2200							
11. Improvement of Instruction	2210							
12. Educational Media	2220							
13. Other Instructional Staff	2290							
General Administration	2300							
14. School Board	2310	340 56	26 03	653 74	22 96		232 92	1,276 21
15. Office of the Superintendent	2320							3,186 72
16. Special Area Administration	2330							
17. Other General Administration	2390							
18. School Administration	2400			360 00				360 00
Business	2500							
19. Fiscal	2520							
20. Operation & Maint. of Plant	2540							
21. Pupil Transportation	2550							
22. Centralized Internal Servs.	2570			12,626 52				12,626 52
23. Other Business	2590							
24. Managerial	2600							
25. Other Supporting Services	2900							
28. Total (Total of Lines 1 thru 25)		340 56	26 03	110,544 91	22 96		232 92	111,167 38

GENERAL FUND: STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES — MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH
For the Year Ended June 30, 1992

School District _____ Benton

Function	Acct. No.	(1) 100 Salaries	(2) 200 Employee Benefits	(3) 300, 400, 500 Purchased Services	(4) 600 Supplies	(5) 700 Property	(6) 800 Other	(7) Total
Instruction	1000							
1. Regular Education Programs	1100			18,500 00				18,500 00
2. Special Education Programs	1200							
3. Vocational Education Programs	1300							
4. Other Instructional Programs	1400							
Supporting Services	2000							
Pupils	2100							
5. Attendance and Social Work	2110							
6. Guidance	2120							
7. Health	2130							
8. Psychological	2140							
9. Speech Pathology & Audiology	2150							
10. Other Pupils	2190							
Instructional	2200							
11. Improvement of Instruction	2210							
12. Educational Media	2220							
13. Other Instructional Staff	2290							
General Administration	2300							
14. School Board	2310	87 72	6 72	168 38	5 92		59 99	328 73
15. Office of the Superintendent	2320			177 04				177 04
16. Special Area Administration	2330							
17. Other General Administration	2390							
18. School Administration	2400			20 00				20 00
Business	2500							
19. Fiscal	2520							
20. Operation of Maint. of Plant	2540							
21. Pupil Transportation	2550			572 54				572 54
22. Centralized Internal Servs.	2570							
23. Other Business	2590							
24. Managerial	2600							
25. Other Supporting Services	2900							
26. Total (Total of Lines 1 thru 25)		87 72	6 72	19,437 96	5 92		59 99	19,598 31

GENERAL FUND: STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES — HIGH
For the Year Ended June 30, 1992

		School District						Benton
Function	Acct. No.	(1) 100 Salaries	(2) 200 Employee Benefits	(3) 300, 400, 500 Purchased Services	(4) 600 Supplies	(5) 700 Property	(6) 800 Other	(7) Total
Instruction	1000							
1. Regular Education Programs	1100			26,250 00				26,250 00
2. Special Education Programs	1200							
3. Vocational Education Programs	1300							
4. Other Instructional Programs	1400							
Supporting Services	2000							
Pupils	2100							
5. Attendance and Social Work	2110							
6. Guidance	2120							
7. Health	2130							
8. Psychological	2140							
9. Speech Pathology & Audiology	2150							
10. Other Pupils	2190							
Instructional	2200							
11. Improvement of Instruction	2210							
12. Educational Media	2220							
13. Other Instructional Staff	2290							
General Administration	2300							
14. School Board	2310	87 72	6 70	168 38	5 92		59 99	328 71
15. Office of the Superintendent	2320			1,062 24				1,062 24
16. Special Area Administration	2330							
17. Other General Administration	2390			120 00				120 00
School Administration	2400							
Business	2500							
19. Fiscal	2520							
20. Operation & Maint. of Plant	2540							
21. Pupil Transportation	2550			3,406 34				3,406 34
22. Centralized Internal Servs.	2570							
23. Other Business	2590							
24. Managerial	2600							
25. Other Supporting Services	2900							
26. Total (Total of Lines 1 thru 25)		87 72	6 70	31,006 96	5 92		59 99	31,167 29

GENERAL FUND: STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES — DISTRICT WIDE
For the Year Ended June 30, 1992

		School District _____ Benton _____						
Function	Acct. No.	(1) 100 Salaries	(2) 200 Employee Benefits	(3) 300, 400, 500 Purchased Services	(4) 600 Supplies	(5) 700 Property	(6) 800 Other	(7) Total
1. Adult/Continuing Education	1600							
2. Community Services	3000							
3. Facilities Acquisition and Construction	4000							
Other Outlays	5000							
4. Debt Service	5100							
Fund Transfers	5200							
5. Transfer to Special Revenue Funds	5220							
6. Transfer to Capital Project Funds	5230							
7. Transfer to Food Service Fund	5240							
8. Transfer to Capital Reserve Fund	5250							
9. Total District Wide (Total of Lines 1 thru 8)		516 00	39 45	160,989 83	34 80		352 90	161,932 98
10. Total General Fund*								

ALL FUNDS: SUPPLEMENTARY EXPENDITURE INFORMATION
For the Year Ended June 30, 1992

(See Notes Below)

School District Benton

Description	Function	Object	(1) Elementary	(2) Middle/Jr. High	(3) High	(4) Total
1. Special Education Services	ALL	ALL	40,020 33			40,020 33
2. Tuition to LEA's within New Hampshire	ALL	581	56,769 00	18,500 00	26,250 00	101,519 00
3. Tuition to LEA's outside New Hampshire	ALL	582				
4. Tuition to Public Academies (Pinkerton & Coe-Brown Only)	ALL	583				
5. Other Tuition	ALL	589				
6. Land	ALL*	710				
7. Land Improvements	ALL*	720				
8. Buildings	ALL*	730				
9. Additional Equipment	ALL*	741				
10. Additional Equipment - Furniture and Fixtures	ALL*	751				
11. Additional Equipment - Vehicles	ALL*	781				
12. Summer School	1420	ALL	669 00			669 00

* Include all functions except 4000

STATEMENT OF ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY
For the Year Ended June 30, 1992

Description	(1) General	(2) Special Revenue	(3) Capital Projects	(4) Food Service	(5) Capital Reserve
13. Fund Equity, July 1, 1991	37,114 55				
Additions:					
14. Revenue*	144,084 63				
15. Other Additions**					
16. Total Additions (Lines 14 and 15)	144,084 63				
Deletions:					
17. Expenditures***	161,932 98				
18. Other Deletions**					
19. Total Deletions (Lines 17 and 18)	161,932 98				
20. Fund Equity, June 30, 1992**** (Lines 13 and 16 less 19)	19,266 20				

SUPPLEMENTARY GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE INFORMATION FOR CALCULATION OF INDIRECT COST RATE

For the Year Ended June 30, 1992

This table must be completed by any district desiring an indirect cost rate

Description	Function	Object	Unallowed	Indirect	Direct
5. School Board (Audit Fees ONLY)	2310			30 00	
6. Other Supporting Services - Total	2900*				
7. Office of Superintendent	2320**		707 51	3,718 49	
8. Cost of Food	2560	620			

ITEMIZATION OF RECEIVABLES: June 30, 1992

School District Benton

Balance Sheet Account Number	Date Received**	Receivable Due From	Revenue Account Credited	Amount*
1-140	7/30/92	Littleton School District	1100-561	5,408 25
1-140	7/30/92	Haverhill Coop. School District	1100-561	1,997 97
1-140		Town of Benton	1121	459 49
Total				7,865 71

ITEMIZATION OF PAYABLES: June 30, 1992

Balance Sheet Account Number	Purchase Order #	Date of Purchase Order	Date Paid**	Vendor	Expenditure Account Charged	Amount*
1-610	28061		08-19-92	SAU #23	1420-561	669 00
Total						669 00

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BENTON
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1991 TO JUNE 30, 1992

SUMMARY

Cash on Hand July 1, 1991	\$35,886.35
Received from Selectmen	\$114,265.51
(Include only amounts actually received)	
Revenue from State Sources	\$19,674.47
Revenue from Federal Sources	\$8,459.19
Received from Tuition	\$1,228.20
Received as Income from Trust Funds	\$139.24
Received from all Other Sources	\$1,656.73
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$145,423.34
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR	\$181,309.69
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID	\$169,240.20
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 1992	\$12,069.49

August 11, 1992

Maxine Tyler
District Treasurer

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, banks statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Benton, NH of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1992, and find them correct in all respects.

August 25, 1992

Dorothy Elliott
Auditor

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and citizens of the Benton School District, I submit my sixth annual report.

Since July 1, 1987 school boards and administration within School Administrative Unit 23 identified fifteen key long range goals. This past summer the SAU published a report that summarized the progress that has been made toward each goal. The report covered topics such as the:

1. Formation of SAU-wide curriculum committees to develop and revise K-12 curriculum.
2. Formation of the Curriculum Advisory Council consisting of teachers, administrators and school board members to oversee the systematic approach to curriculum development, revision and evaluation.
3. Passage of the bond issues that resulted in the construction of the Lin-Wood Elementary School and the Haverhill Cooperative Middle School; renovations and addition to Woodsville Elementary School, Woodsville High School, Bath Village School, Monroe Consolidated School, Piermont Village School and Warren Village School; and renovations to Lin-Wood Middle/High School.
4. Formation of a staff development program that focused on collaborative decision-making; curriculum improvement and instruction; middle school education; inclusion of special needs students in the regular classroom; alternative student assessment models; elementary science and math instruction; and computer technology.
5. Introduction of a long range planning process. School boards have met to develop short and long range goals and objectives.
6. The revision of the professional staff evaluation process to emphasize the improvement of instruction and the development of an evaluation process for all administrative and support staff.
7. Development of SAU cooperative programs and committees in such areas as policy development; gifted and talented education; student assessment; staff development; technology; drug and alcohol and health education; and special education services.
8. Increased involvement of community members in areas such as building committees, goal setting, principal selection committees, and school advisory committees.

Copies of the report School Administrative Unit #23 Five Year Progress Report, 1987-1992; will be available at each annual school district meeting or may be obtained at the School Administrative Unit offices in Woodsville or Lincoln.

For the 1992-1993 school year the Benton School District entered into a contract with the Haverhill Cooperative School District for the education of Benton children. This contract provided a 5%

discount in tuition. The Benton School Board has placed an article on the warrant to continue this contractual arrangement through June 30, 1996. This three year contract would continue to provide a 5% discount in tuition. If the district does not wish to continue the contractual agreement then the budget will need to be increased by \$7,705.00 (an additional \$.84 on the tax rate)

A great deal has been happening in the Haverhill Cooperative School District. In August the new Haverhill Cooperative Middle School opened and the new building is a wonderful addition to the school system. This fall Woodsville High School underwent an accreditation visit by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The evaluation report cited the school as "...a wonderful, small American high school depicting many of the characteristics identified in research as advantages of small schools." The report also lists specific commendations on each program and recommendations that could help the school to improve. Copies of the full report have been sent to the public libraries in Haverhill, Bath, Benton, Monroe, Piermont and Warren.

Two new groups the Upper Valley School/Business Partnership and the Higher Education Advisory Board at Haverhill have been working with the school district, Berlin Technical College and the School for Lifelong Learning to upgrade technology at Woodsville High School and provide post secondary training for adults in our area. As a result a new IBM laboratory has been installed in the Woodsville High School business department. This will enable the school to provide our students with the opportunity to learn on updated technology. The Berlin Technical College and the School for Lifelong Learning will also be offering courses for adults in our area.

In closing I would like to welcome Linda Nelson our new Assistant Superintendent of Schools. Ms. Nelson joined us in late October. She replaces James Gaylord who left us to become the Superintendent of Schools in Whitefield, New Hampshire. I would also like to thank the school board and the citizens of Benton for your support. It continues to be a pleasure to work in your community.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas B. McDonald, Ed.D.

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and voters of the Benton School District, I submit my first annual report.

The school budget brought forward to the voters largely reflects an increase in the number of students that Benton tuitions to the Haverhill Cooperative School District. The School Board has worked diligently to control school district costs. However, there are simply more children in the Benton School District.

The Haverhill Cooperative School District is making a concerted effort to improve communications with school boards who tuition students to the Haverhill Cooperative School District. Through, a district wide goal setting process, the Haverhill Cooperative School District has also established instructional improvement as a target area.

This fall Woodsville High School participated in a New England Association of School and Colleges review. The visiting evaluation team reported that Woodsville High School is an excellent small school that works hard to meet the needs of children. A copy of this report is on file with your school board members and at Woodsville High School if you care to review it.

A new middle school in the Haverhill Cooperative was opened this fall in North Haverhill. It is a beautiful facility and many individuals worked diligently to make it a reality.

I would like to thank the members of the Benton School Board. They care about the quality of education that Benton children receive and work hard to bring forward a realistic school district budget. If the citizens of Benton have any educational issues that they would like to discuss, I welcome your contact either through your board members or directly.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith M. Pfeifer
Assistant Superintendent
of Schools - SAU 23

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